

Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP)
Developing Recommendations for Managing Madison River Recreation
Madison River Citizen Advisory Committee (MCAC) – Meeting #Six
November 3, 2012 - 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM (Public Comment: Noon - 12:30 PM)
Holiday Inn – West Yellowstone, Montana

PROCESS OBJECTIVES

Within the Advisory Committee's Charter, develop consensus recommendations around the following 4 tasks:

1. Review and assess river recreation information and existing conditions on the Madison River.
2. Identify and describe desirable or acceptable recreation conditions for the Madison River.
3. Identify and describe conditions that would warrant implementation of various management actions.
4. Develop a list of less to most restrictive management actions.

NOVEMBER 3 SESSION OBJECTIVES

1. Review any new/additional Madison River recreation data.
2. Share trapline comments; hear public comment focused on least to most restrictive management options related to unacceptable River conditions.
3. Within the agreed upon guiding principles and identified "interests", finalize:
 - Draft desired River conditions (including fishing access sites);
 - Conditions that might warrant implementation of potential management options;
 - The potential "less to more restrictive" management options that might be instituted under those conditions.
4. Prepare for the December 6 public meeting in Bozeman.
5. Affirm the calendar including the FWP Commission presentation in December.

AGENDA ITEMS

Morning – 9:00 to 11:45 AM

- Introduction to the session (information for the benefit of those observing in West Yellowstone):
 - Brief statement of the Committee's Charter; explanation of the collaborative process and framework and Committee progress so far; today's objectives and agenda review; ground rules reminder and explanation of roles in the room; "housekeeping"
 - Observer and MCAC member introductions
- Catching up...
 - MCAC member trapline comments
 - Review of additional data from FWP and/or MCAC members
 - Very brief review – Affirming a "rough draft product"
- Finalizing a Draft product:
 - Finishing the "walk and wade" desired condition - What does it mean in terms of experience? Where should it occur/not occur? What activities would/might not impact it and in what stretches of the River?
 - Finishing/"cleaning up"/tying up loose ends on the rough draft product

Public Comment Period – Noon to 12:30 PM

AGENDA ITEMS cont.

Afternoon – 12:30 to 4:00 PM

- Committee working lunch - Refocusing...
- Continuing to finalize a Draft product:
 - Completing draft work on identified Fishing Access Sites – “Thresholds; “least to most restrictive management actions should they be warranted
 - Thoughts, “interests” that need to be addressed in sections of the River not yet addressed
 - Pulling it all together (acknowledging that it is a “draft” for public review)
 - Any general recommendations that should be part of the Draft product including thoughts about pertinent fishing regulations?
- Planning/preparing for the December 6 public session in Bozeman:
 - What does the Committee want from the public at this meeting?
 - General format; parts and pieces
 - Logistics
 - Materials to be displayed; materials for public distribution
 - Tools/options for receiving public comment
 - Tasks and responsibilities
- Affirming the remaining MCAC 2012 calendar:
 - December 6 – Public meeting in Bozeman, FWP Headquarters
 - December 8 – MCAC meeting in Bozeman, FWP Headquarters
 - December 20 – MCAC presentation at the FWP Commission meeting in Helena